

Mrs. Russell Sage's Offer Still Open

THE TIME EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR

Mrs. Russell Sage has offered to give to the American Bible Society \$500,000 for a permanent endowment provided a like amount is subscribed for the same purpose before the 31st of December, 1909.

The amount already subscribed is \$131,442.85, of which \$67,440.65 has been paid in and is separately invested.

The sum of \$368,557.15 remains to be subscribed in order to secure Mrs. Sage's gift.

Subscriptions need not be paid immediately, and may be paid in definite installments if desired.

The Bible Society needs this endowment. It works through seven Agencies and three hundred and forty-six Auxiliary Societies in the United States, and twelve Agencies in foreign lands.

It employs six hundred men and women colporteurs, who go from city to city, from village to village, and from house to house.

It circulates the Scriptures in sixty-five languages in the United States alone, supplying individuals as well as Home Missionary and Church agencies.

It conducts all its work without purpose of profit.

Its work should be enlarged without delay. Calls for advance are most insistent in the mission fields of the world and throughout this nation.

"Millions of people who have never seen the Bible never will see it unless the work of this Society is adequately supported.

Abraham Lincoln said: "The Bible is the best gift God has given to men."

The Society's budget of expenditure for the current year is \$562,700. This varies but little from the average annual expenditure for the last ten years.

Its receipts from church collections, Auxiliary Societies, Life Members, and other friends, and from legacies, are so variable as to make self-evident the need of a permanent endowment that shall supplement such receipts and give stability to a work that is world-wide.

Its Trust Funds amount to \$732,630.90. The income last year was \$28,853.02, only about one-twentieth of the above budget.

Now is the time to help by individual pledge, by church collections, or in other ways.

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